

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for controlling anomalous dual state of duplicated processors for a fault-tolerant system having a first and a second processors that are connected to each other through network, comprising:

a first step of transmitting its own state information of either the first or the second processor to mutually another processor (twin) by using different transmission period to each other;

a second step of receiving the heartbeat applied from the other processor and recognizing state information of the twin; and

a third step of performing duplication states according to the state information of the twin.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first step includes sub-steps of:

generating a heartbeat transmission period by using random numbers; scheduling and starting a timer on the basis of the generated random period; and

transmitting a heartbeat to the other processor after time tuned by a generated random number lapses.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein when the random period is generated, in order for the first and the second processors to have the different tuned period to each other, different seeds for random numbers are allocated to each other, when a system is initialized.

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4. The method according to claim 2, further comprising a step of:  
stopping the timer in case that state change occurs before the period tuned by a  
generated random number lapses, and immediately transmitting a corresponding  
5 heartbeat to the other processor.

5. The method according to claim 2, wherein the period tuned by a  
generated random number of the heartbeat is determined so that only one  
heartbeat message at its maximum exists in a corresponding heartbeat  
10 transmission path at the point of a specific time.

6. The method according to claim 4, wherein the period tuned by a  
generated random number of the heartbeat is determined by a value changed  
from a fixed heartbeat transmission period in consideration of a corresponding  
15 heartbeat transmission time, a heartbeat processing time and a state transition  
time.

7. The method according to claim 6, wherein assuming that a fixed  
heartbeat transmission period is 'x', the heartbeat transmission time is 'a', the  
20 heartbeat processing time is 'b' and the state transition time is 'c', the variable  
heartbeat transmission period is determined in the range from  $x-(2a+b+c)$  to  
 $x+(2a+b+c)$ .

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8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the second step  
25 comprising the sub-steps of:

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waiting for receiving the heartbeat for a predetermined time;  
recognizing a receipt of the heartbeat; and  
judging that the twin has gone down if no heartbeat is received within a  
predetermined time.

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9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the predetermined time  
refers to a value sufficiently greater than the maximum value that can be held by  
the period tuned by a generated random number for a heartbeat transmission.

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10. Duplicated processors on a fault-tolerant system having a first and  
a second processors that are mutually connected through a network, wherein  
each processor comprising:

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an outgoing heartbeat processing block for transmitting a heartbeat  
including its own state information to the other processor (twin) by using a different  
transmission period to each other;

an incoming heartbeat processing block for receiving the heartbeat from  
the other processor and recognizing the state information of the twin; and

a duplication FSM processing block for performing duplication states  
processing according to the state information of the twin.

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11. The processor according to claim 10, wherein the outgoing  
heartbeat processing block includes a random number generator to continuously  
change the transmission period of the heartbeat.

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12. The processor according to claim 11, wherein when the random

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period is generated, in order for the first and the second processors to have the different turned period to each other, different seeds for random numbers are allocated to each other, when a system is initialized.

5 13. The processor according to claim 11, wherein the period turned by a generated random number of the heartbeat is determined so that only one heartbeat message at its maximum exists in a corresponding heartbeat transmission path at a specific time point.

10 14. The processor according to claim 11, wherein the period turned by a generated random number of the heartbeat is determined by a value changed from a fixed heartbeat transmission period in consideration of a corresponding heartbeat transmission time, a heartbeat processing time and a state transition time.

15 15. The processor according to claim 14, wherein assuming that a fixed heartbeat transmission period is 'x', the heartbeat transmission time is 'a', the heartbeat processing time is 'b' and the state transition time is 'c', the variable heartbeat transmission period is determined in the range from  $x-(2a+b+c)$  to  $x+(2a+b+c)$ .

20 16. A method for transmitting a heartbeat of duplicated processors on a fault-tolerant system having a first and a second processors that are connected through network, in which the first and the second processors use different  
25 transmission periods to transmit heartbeats.

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17. The method according to claim 16, wherein in order to generate different transmission periods to each other, different seeds for random numbers are allocated to the first and the second processors to thereby generate random  
5 numbers, by which a heartbeat transmission period is generated.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the period turned by a generated random number of the heartbeat is determined so that only one heartbeat message at its maximum exists in a corresponding heartbeat  
10 transmission path at the point of a specific time.

19. The method according to claim 17, wherein the period turned by a generated random number of the heartbeat is determined by a value changed from a fixed heartbeat transmission period in consideration of a corresponding  
15 heartbeat transmission time, a heartbeat processing time and a state transition time.

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein assuming that a fixed heartbeat transmission period is 'x', the heartbeat transmission time is 'a', the  
20 heartbeat processing time is 'b' and the state transition time is 'c', the variable heartbeat transmission period of the heartbeat is determined in the range from  $x - (2a+b+c)$  to  $x + (2a+b+c)$ .